

**EVENING MEETING
BOARD WORK SESSION
August 20, 1998
MINUTES**

The Board met at 6:00 p.m. at The Edison Walthall Hotel, 225 East Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 20, 1998. The following members were present: Yvonne Brown, Billy Hewes, Henry "Bubba" Hudspeth, John Junkin, William Seal, and Hazel Terry. Board members absent from the meeting included Sara Fox, Joanna Heidel, Patricia Puckett, and George Walker. Others present included State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) staff Randall Bradberry, Becky Cade, Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Patrick McKinnis, Olon E. Ray, Wayne Stonecypher, Frankie Walton-White and Evelyn Webb.

Upon completion of the meal those present relocated from the dinning room to Ballroom II located on the second floor. Mr. Hudspeth, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order in Mr. Walker's absence at 7:10 p.m. Mr. Hudspeth then called on Dr. Webb to give a report on a recent workshop sponsored by the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) devoted to "On-Line Instructional Training." Dr. Webb explained that Dr. Susan Adrian, professor of English at Mission College in Santa Clara, California, facilitated the workshop. Dr. Adrian lives in British Columbia and has been involved in teaching via the Internet for several years and will this year teach a full load from her home. A total of eighty-one (81) persons, (college faculty, administrators, technicians, and state staff) attended the workshop. The ratings were excellent and staff will continue to work with these individuals as they develop courses to be taught via the Virtual Community College.

The next item on the agenda was the business of the Committee-of-the-Whole. In absence of Sara Fox, newly appointed Finance liaison, Mr. Hudspeth called on Deborah Gilbert to go over the finance committee agenda. Deborah proceeded to present and discuss the agenda items. Required action on appropriate items was deferred to the regular August 21, 1998, meeting. The items covered included the following:

- 1) General Fund Disbursement - Fund 2298 - September 1998 - Aid to colleges in the amount of \$6,376,235
- 2) Disbursement of Education Enhancement Funds for August 31, 1998, from Funds 4080 and 4110 totaling \$2,084,940.16
- 3) Bi-monthly Capital Improvements Report
- 4) Purchasing Approval of a total of \$23,148 which is required to replace equipment for Year 2000 needs and to support the SBCJC's Webmaster.
- 5) Financial Statements for Funds 2291, 3291, and 4300
- 6) In other business, Deborah announced that the second issuance of \$6.6 million of telecommunications bonds were sold on July 21, 1998. Deborah provided some information to follow-up on questions raised in the July Board meeting pertaining to bonds.

She also announced the availability of the fifteen community and junior colleges' FY 2000 (MBR) Budget requests and reminded members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee hearings scheduled for September 17, 1998.

At the conclusion of Deborah's report, Mr. Hudspeth thanked her and then called on Wayne Stonecypher to go over program agenda items in Joanna Heidel's absence. The following items were discussed, but specific action was delayed until the following morning's Board meeting:

- 1) The University of Mississippi requested approval to provide an Elementary Math Analysis III course at the Desoto Center.
- 2) Pearl River Community College requested that the one year surgical technology program currently in existence in Hattiesburg be expanded to a two-year Associate in Applied Science Degree, technical program.
- 3) Mississippi Delta Community College also submitted a request for approval of one new program, Industrial Technology and requests to expand two programs, Agriculture Mechanics Technology, and Industry Electricity/Industrial Maintenance. It was pointed out that these courses had not been reviewed by the State Department of Education, Office of Vocational Education. Therefore, members decided to postpone further review of these programs until a review by the other state agency.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.